



THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST!

Cape Town Children's Choir is based at Beau Soleil Music Centre, Kenilworth, Cape Town. The choir was launched at the start of 2020. Children (with unchanged voices) who are aged between 9 (Gr 4 in 2024) and 15 are invited to audition.



AUDITION IF YOU

- **Love to sing!**
- Would like to sing with others.
- Wish to develop your musical skill in a positive and nurturing environment.
- Are willing to commit to being a member of the choir for at least one full year.

WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

- You will learn and practice good vocal technique.
- You will learn to read and sing from written music or develop your current ability.
- You will be surrounded by musically talented friends who strive for excellence.
- You will have the opportunity to develop a life-long love for music.



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HOW TO AUDITION

ROUND ONE

After carefully reading the membership requirements and other information provided, send a video of yourself (about 2 minutes in length) singing:

1. any song or part of a song, unaccompanied (just you, no backtrack).
2. the traditional Happy Birthday song in English or any language of your choice.

Send the video via WhatsApp to: +27 81 432 9999.

ROUND TWO

If your video audition is successful, you will be invited to an in-person audition.

You will be sent an application form to complete and an audition date and time will be allocated to you.



REHEARSALS (practises)

Rehearsals are held at Beau Soleil Music Centre, 12 Salisbury Road, Kenilworth, on FRIDAY afternoons from 14:45 – 17:15. These rehearsals take place every Friday during the WCED school term. Practises also take place on ONE FULL SATURDAY per term. Additional rehearsals may, on occasion, be scheduled when preparing for a big concert / event. Members will only be permitted to miss rehearsals in exceptional circumstances.

CONCERTS AND EVENTS

These are scheduled throughout the year and all members and parents will be informed timeously. Members will only be permitted to miss a concert or event in exceptional circumstances.

TRAVEL

There will be opportunities for travel in the future. Long distance travel (international) with the Cape Town Children's Choir is optional, although members will be strongly encouraged to participate.

CHORAL DISCIPLINES

You will be trained in group vocal development; how to read and sing from music; rehearsal and concert etiquette; a wide variety of repertoire (secular to sacred).

CHOIR RULES

While we aim to keep rehearsals light and fun, there are rules to help us to do that. You will be expected to respect every member of the choir (staff and fellow choristers); cooperate fully at rehearsals and performances; attend all rehearsals and performances; be on time; if necessary be excused from a rehearsal timeously and in writing. Failure to abide by these rules could result in disciplinary action and might jeopardise your membership.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS

Parental support is crucial to the success of the choir. Not only do parents ensure that their children attend all practises, but they may be asked to assist with transport, concert arrangements, accommodation of members of visiting choirs and possible fundraising. Parents may become involved in the choir by joining a subcommittee team / parent's group (assisting with specific arrangements or projects). Parents will be asked to attend an Annual General Meeting.

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The cost of being a member of the Cape Town Children's Choir for the 2024 season is as follows:

• **Annual fee of R2 760 for the full academic year.** This will be payable in one of three ways:

1. A once off payment of R2 760 due by the second week of the new academic year.
2. Termly payments of R 690 per term, due by the second week of each school term.
3. Monthly payments (by debit order) over ten months (February to November) of R 276 per month, due by the 1st day of the calendar month.

A limited number of bursaries towards the annual fee will be available for those who need and qualify for financial assistance. The annual fee will be payable for a whole year, even if the member withdraws during the year. A member who joins later in the year will pay a proportional fee based on the balance for the year.

• **A once-off, non-refundable registration fee of R 600 is payable on acceptance.** This includes registration, music rental and choir file, and choir T-Shirt. Lost music will be replaced by the choir member at their own expense.

• **An additional fee for choir uniforms (formal and informal) is paid for by choir members.** This cost is kept as low as possible.

• **Any travel opportunities (national and international) will be at families' expense.** Choir members are encouraged to fundraise.

The above costs are valid for 2024 and will be subject to an annual increase. The choir is managed according to an annual budget and has constant expenses (e.g., music purchase, honorariums, concert venue hire, etc.). A member who resigns due to a special circumstance must do so one term in advance, in writing. Fees for the remainder of the year will still be payable because the annual budget will be reliant on those fees. • Failure to pay the required fees without prior arrangement may lead to suspension from the choir.

**WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR VIDEO
AND WE HOPE TO MEET YOU AT AN AUDITION!**

Cape Town Children's Choir operates under the auspices of
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